

March 2006 Interim Report Monitoring and Database Investments In Salmon Management and Watershed Health

Background

The 2005-07 Biennial Operating Budget contained the following proviso:

“(7) The department of ecology, the department of fish and wildlife, the department of natural resources, the conservation commission, and the interagency committee for outdoor recreation shall make recommendations to improve or eliminate monitoring activities related to salmon recovery and watershed health. The agencies shall coordinate with the governor's forum on monitoring and watershed health and consult with the office of financial management in determining the scope and contents of the report.

The agencies shall prepare a report detailing all new activity and updating all previously identified activity within the comprehensive monitoring strategy. The report shall identify the monitoring activity being performed and include: The purpose of the monitoring activity, when the activity started, who uses the information, how often it is accessed, what costs are incurred by fund, what frequency is used to collect data, what geographic location is used to collect data, where the information is stored, and what is the current status and cost by fund source of the data storage systems.

The agencies shall provide a status report summarizing progress to the **governor's forum on monitoring and watershed health** and the office of financial management by **March 1, 2006**. A final report to the governor's monitoring forum, the office of financial management, and the appropriate legislative fiscal committees shall be submitted no later than **September 1, 2006.**” [ESSB6090, Sec. 129]

Actions To Date

The affected agencies have been provided copies of the survey results from the 2002 Comprehensive Monitoring Strategy and flow charts depicting the relationships of the monitoring programs to each other and to the databases where data are stored. The agencies have been given a deadline of April to review and update the survey sheets and the flow charts.

Future Actions

At the July meeting, the FORUM will review and approve the findings and submissions by the affected agencies and will correlate this with the 2007-09 budget requests to the Governor.